[English]

Post Retirement Dues

3371. SHRI AJOY MUKHOPADHYAY : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether complaints have been received regarding non-payment of statutory post-retirement dues to the employees of Central Public Sector Undertakings;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith its and present status; and

(c) the reasons for not making the payment and the time by which the final decision is likely to be taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Due to cash losses many of the public sector undertakings are not in a position to pay the statutory post retirement dues to the employees of Central Public Sector Undertakings. The position of non payment of wages and other statutory dues by CPSUs was reviewed by a Group of Ministers (GOM) comprising of Minister of Finance, Industry, Textiles and Labour on 5.12.96. The Group of Ministers decided that the consolidated position indicating the past and current liabilities of major CPSUs may be placed before the Cabinet.

In accordance with the above decision, a Note on Non-payment of statutory dues to the employees of CPSUs was considered by the Cabinet on 19.7.97. The Cabinet decided to set up a sub Committee comprising Minister of Agriculture (as chairman) of the Committee, Minister of Finance and Minister of State for Labour as member to further consider the issue.

[Translation]

Funds for Sanjay Gandhi Postgraduate College

3372. SHRI BHANU PRATAP SINGH VARMA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Union Government have received any proposal from the Uttar Pradesh Government seeking assistance from France under the Indo-Franch Assistance Protocol for Sanjay Gandhi Postgraduate College, Lucknow;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the present status of the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY) : (a) to (c) Two proposals from Sanjay Gandhi Post Graduate Institute of Medical Sciences, Lucknow for obtaining assistance under Indo French Protocol have been received. A proposal for supply of equipment and procurement of one Gama Camera with accessories valued at French Francs 3.56 million for treatment of cancer has been recommended to the Department of Economic Affairs on 16-7-1997 for posing to the French authorities. The project has been included in the Indo-French Protocol, 1996 signed on 19-12-1996. The second proposal for upgradation and establishment of Medical facilities at a cost of French Francs 72 million has not been finalized for want of clarifications from State Government of Uttar Pradesh and Sanjay Gandhi Post Graduate Institute.

Dealing of Government Officials with MPs and Legislature

3373. SHRI RAM TAHAL CHAUDHARY : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to amend the directives/instructions issued inconnection with dealing of the Government officials with the MPs and Legislatures;

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to seek the opinion of the elected representatives also on the issue; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI S.R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

[Translation]

Indian Territory Occupied by Nepal

3374. SHRI BRIJ BHUSHAN TIWARI :
SHRI HARIVANSH SAHAI :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Nepal has occupied Indian territory near Balmikinagar (Bihar) on Indo-Nepal borders;

(b) if so, the acre of Indian territory occupied by Nepal and the circumstances under which and the date on which Nepal occupied the Indian territory;

(c) whether the Government have taken any steps to recover the land under Nepal occupation;

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the time by when the Government propose to